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| Office Action Summary | Application No. 10/700,617 | Applicant(s) STYLES ET AL. | |
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>08/26/2004</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.
2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: In the specification page 1 paragraph 0002 US Patent Application Serial Numbers are missing. Appropriate correction is required.

Drawings

3. This application has been filed with informal drawings, which are acceptable for examination purposes only. Formal drawings will be required when the application is allowed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) do not apply to the examination of this application as the application being examined was not (1) filed on or after November 29, 2000, or (2) voluntarily published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). Therefore, this application is examined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

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5. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Putzolu (U.S. Patent No. 6,578,076). Putzolu's patent meets all the limitations for claims 1-8 recited in the claimed invention.

6. As to claim 1, Putzolu teaches a method in a client-server environment, to manage a configuration of resources on at least one client system (see abstract; figure 1; and column 2 line 53 to column 3 line 48), the method on a client system comprising: receiving at least one local run-time environmental condition (policy) including at least one condition including a wildcard to determine whether one or more selectable configuration settings are applied on the client system, wherein the one or more selectable configuration settings are previously set graphically using a graphical user interface with one or more user selectable configuration settings therein; and determining if the environmental condition is met with the wildcard then applying at least one of the one or more selectable configuration settings on the client system (figures 1 and 5; column 4 line 8 to column 5 line 15; and column 7 line 21 to column 8 line 29).

7. As to claims 2-4, Putzolu teaches that the local run-time environmental condition (policy) including wildcards that filled information relating to bandwidth, time, sink of traffic (length dependent); requester/source identity (length independent); and network resource sought to be accessed, identity of entity requesting access to network resource (DOS type) (column 4 line 8 to column 5 line 15; and column 7 line 21 to column 8 line 29).

8. As to claims 5-8, Putzolu teaches that the determining if the environmental condition is met with the wildcard is a value for one or more environmental conditions of

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Domain, Site, Organization Unit Computer, Organization Unit User, Group Membership, Primary Group, User Name, TCP/IP address, Host Address, Computer Name, MAC Address, Terminal Services Application Name, Terminal Services Initial Program, Terminal Services Client Name, Terminal Services Session Name, Terminal Services Client TCP/IP Address, operating system, LAN connection, Dial-up connection, Desktop machine, Portables machine, Terminal Services Client, Member Server, and Domain Controller (columns 3-5 and 7-8).

Additional Reference

9. The examiner as of general interest cites the following reference.
 - a. Forslow, U.S. Patent No. 6,954,790.

Contact Information

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Bharat Barot** whose Telephone Number is **(571) 272-3979**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM. Most facsimile-transmitted patent application related correspondence is required to be sent to the Central FAX Number **(571) 273-8300**.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Saleh Najjar**, can be reached at **(571) 272-4006**.

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